



Meeting Summary – December 18, 2002

I. COMPLAINTS

C 02-31: The Commission approved the settlement that obligates former County Housing Authority employee Williams to pay a fine of \$1,750 and accept a public reprimand for transacting business with her agency after she was advised by a prior Ethics Commission opinion that she could not engage in such conduct.

C 02-35: The Commission found no probable cause in a complaint against Key Biscayne Council Member Fein who was charged with exploiting his official position by improperly using Village resources to investigate the credit status of Conchita Suarez, a member of The Coalition to Rescue Paradise.

C 02-43: The Commission found no probable cause in a complaint against Community Council Franklin who was charged with violating the Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance when she allegedly referred to a candidate for Community Council as a puppet of a former Community Council member.

C 02-44: The Commission found probable cause in a case against former County WASA employee Rivero for violating the gift disclosure section of the Code of Ethics Ordinance when he received a \$3,500 loan from a County vendor and failed to disclose it.

II. ETHICS OPINIONS

RQO 02-142: The Commission found no conflict of interest for County Parks Department employee, who is part owner of company, to seek certification as minority vendor provided the company does not contract with the Parks Department.

RQO 02-147: Firm serving as a structural and mechanical engineering subconsultant should not serve as a member of a team for a supplemental A & E firm for the South Terminal Program where work being performed by the prime architectural and engineering contractor for Concourse J is one of the components of the South Terminal Program.

RQO 02-158: A non-profit organization is not precluded from seeking or receiving county funding when one of its board members is a county employee provided the county employee does not appear on behalf of the organization seeking funding for the her non-profit agency.

RQO 02-159: There is no conflict that would bar a contractor working as a subconsultant to an airport contractor on the South Terminal Program to work as a subconsultant to another team on the South Terminal.

RQO 02-166: The Commission found no conflict of interest for engineering firm to serve as Gantry Crane Consultant as long as any new work commences after its current contract with Port of Miami Crane Management expires.

RQO 02-169: A firm which provides architectural and engineering services at the airport may serve as a member of the team for a third-party developer for the Miami International Airport Hotel as long as the firm surrenders the current work order to provide design criteria for the airport and the airport does not use any work done by the firm in evaluating proposals by third-party developers.

RQO 02-170: Seaport contractor may serve as Gantry Crane consultant because there is no conflict between their current Seaport contract and the scope of work for the Gantry Crane Consultant.

The Commission approved the Section Eight opinion requests for requesters Gomez, Savignano, Amil, Amaro and Albury.